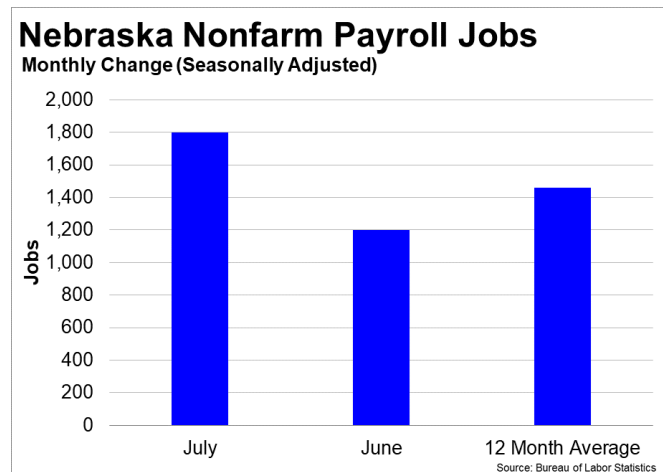
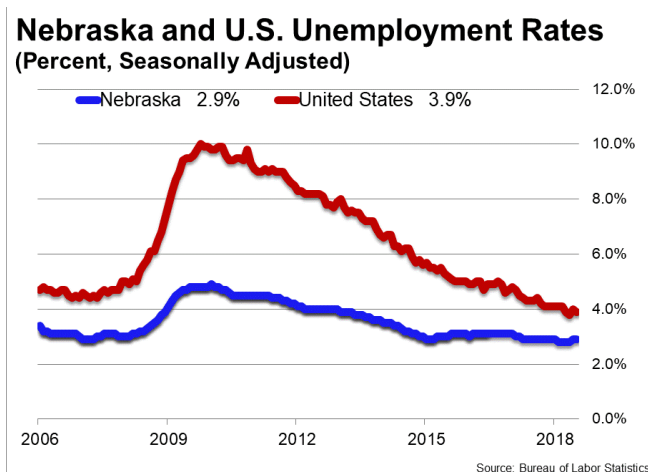




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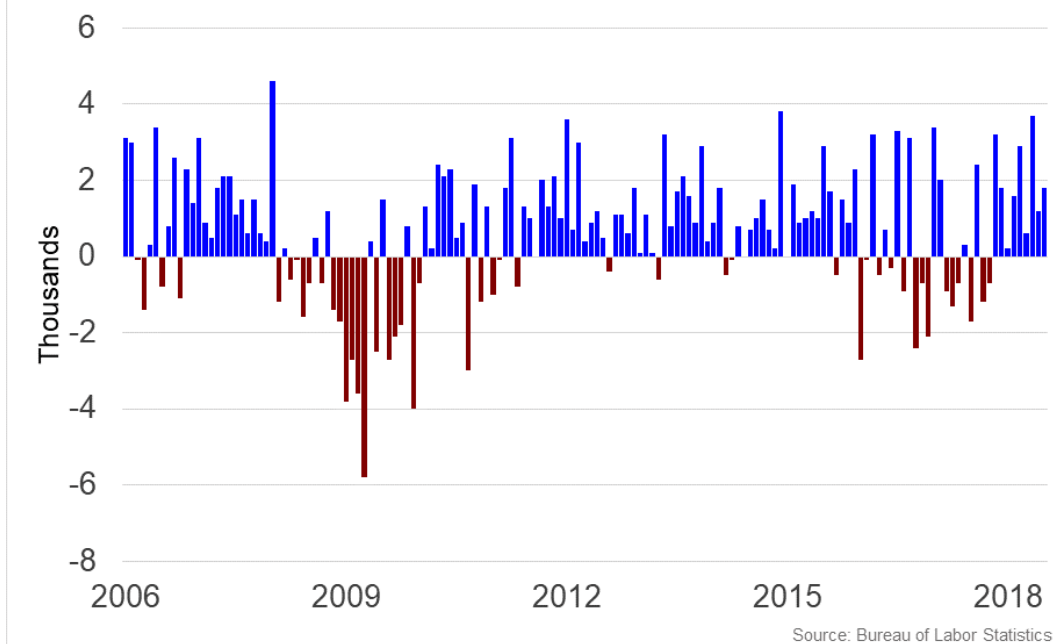
Summary

- **Nebraska added 1,800 jobs and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 2.9 percent in July** according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data.
- **Over the past twelve months, Nebraska added 17,500 jobs** and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 2.9 percent.
- **In July, Nebraska's private sector added 2,100 jobs** and over the past twelve months it created 17,200 jobs.
- The number of **unemployed Nebraskans rose by 28 in July**, and over the past year 7,833 Nebraskans found jobs.
- Nebraska's **labor force participation rate remains unchanged** from 68.7 percent in July. Since last year, the labor force participation rate is unchanged.
- The national unemployment rate **declined by 0.1 percentage point to 3.9 percent in July**. State employment and unemployment data for August is scheduled for release on September 21, 2018. The national employment situation report for August will be released on Friday, September 7, 2018.



Nebraska Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Monthly Change (Thousands, Seasonally Adjusted)



Nebraska Payroll Employment

Nebraska added 1,800 jobs, or 0.17 percent, on a seasonally adjusted basis during July. In the prior month, Nebraska added 1,200 jobs. Over the past twelve months, nonfarm payrolls in Nebraska increased by 17,500, or 1.72 percent. Nebraska nonfarm payroll employment has increased in 10 of the past 12 months.

Nationally, nonfarm payrolls increased by 157,000 jobs in July, or 0.11 percent. Over the 12-month period ending July 2018, nonfarm payrolls grew by 2,400,000 jobs, or 1.64 percent. Nebraska ranks 27th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.

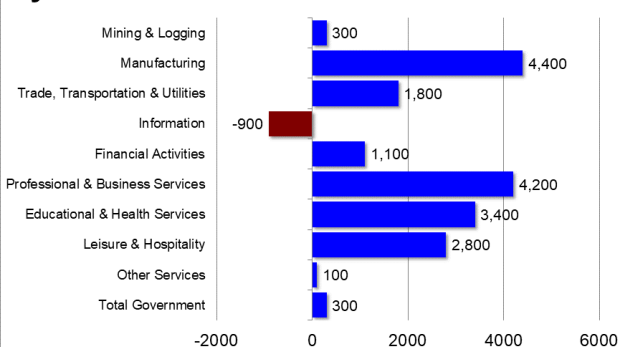
During July, Nebraska's private-sector added 2,100 jobs, or 0.24 percent. The private-sector in Nebraska added 1,400 jobs in the prior month. Over the past twelve months, private-sector payrolls in Nebraska increased by 17,200, or 2.04 percent. Nebraska private-sector payroll employment has increased in 9 of the past 12 months.

Nationally, private-sector payroll jobs increased by 170,000 jobs in July, or 0.13 percent. Over the past 12 months, the nation's economy has added 2,392,000 jobs in the private-sector, an increase of 1.92 percent. Nebraska ranks 27th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in private-sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during July were Trade, Transportation & Utilities (+1,100) and Educational & Health Services (+1,100). The poorest performing sectors during the month were Other Services (-500) and Mining & Logging (-400).

The best performing sectors during the last twelve months were Manufacturing (+4,400) and Professional & Business Services (+4,200). The poorest performing sectors during the last twelve months were Information (-900) and Other Services (+100).

Change in Nebraska Payroll Employment by Sector over Past 12 Months



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, seasonally adjusted

Nebraska Labor Force Statistics

Labor Force Participation

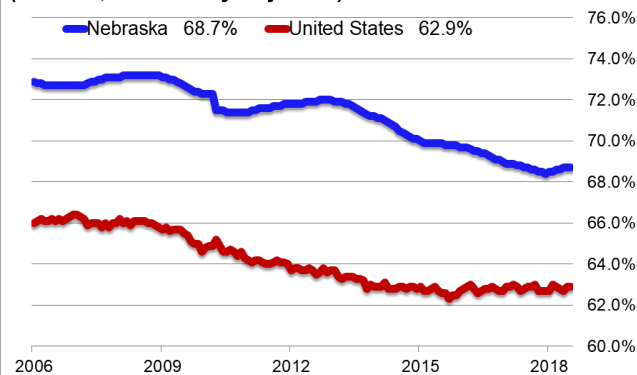
The labor force participation rate in Nebraska was unchanged at 68.7 percent in July. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 7 have a higher labor force participation rate than Nebraska. The labor force participation rate in Nebraska is unchanged from a year earlier. The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Nebraska was 73.2 percent in December 2008. The series high for the labor force participation rate in Nebraska occurred in May 2003 when the labor force participation rate hit 73.9 percent. The 10-year low for the labor force participation rate was 68.4 percent in December 2017. The series low for the labor force participation rate occurred in May 1976 when the labor force participation rate hit 65.1 percent. The national labor force participation rate was unchanged at 62.9 percent, but remains near its 38-year low of 62.4 percent.

Employment-to-Population Ratio

The employment-to-population ratio, or the percentage of the Nebraska civilian noninstitutionalized population 16 years and older counted as employed, was unchanged at 66.7 percent in July. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 7 have higher employment-to-population ratios than

Nebraska and U.S. Labor Force Participation (Percent, Seasonally Adjusted)



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Nebraska. The employment-to-population ratio in Nebraska is unchanged from a year earlier.

The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio in Nebraska was 70.7 percent in September 2008. The series high for the employment-to-population ratio in Nebraska occurred in May 2000 when the employment-to-population ratio hit 71.7 percent. The 10-year low for the employment-to-population ratio was 66.5 percent in January 2018. The series low for the employment-to-population ratio occurred in July 1976 when the employment-to-population ratio was 63.1 percent.

The national employment-to-population ratio rose by 0.1 percentage point to 60.5 percent in July. That rate was 0.3 percentage point higher than a year earlier. The all-time high for the employment-to-population ratio was 64.7 in April 2000. The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio was 63.4 percent in December 2006. The recent low occurred in October 2013 when the employment-to-population ratio dipped to 58.2 percent. The last time the employment-to-population ratio posted a reading lower than 58.2 percent was July 1983.

